

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA~~

**SPECIFICATION**

**TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

**"LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA"**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please add the centered heading after line 7 at page 3:

**SUMMARY OF INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6 with the following centered heading:

In the figures,

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

Please add the following centered heading after line 16 at page 5 as follows:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 1 with the following:

**Claims**

**CLAIMS**

The invention is claimed as follows:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The present invention pertains to novel microorganisms of the family Lactobacillaceae, especially to microorganisms of the genus Lactobacillus, that are useful in preventing or treating diarrhoea. In particular, the present invention relates to the use of said microorganisms for the preparation of an ingestable support and to a composition containing the same.~~

ABSTRACT

Novel microorganisms of the family Lactobacillaceae, particularly microorganisms of the genus Lactobacillus, that are useful in preventing or treating diarrhoea are provided. The microorganism can be utilized for the preparation of an ingestable support and to a composition containing same. The preferred microorganism is L P 2-1, can be included.